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1. AMBASSADOR TAPE AND BORIGHT (ACDA/US MISSION) MET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AEB PRESIDENT ROUX SEPT. 24. TAPE REFERRED TO WELL-KNOWN US INTEREST IN NPT ADHERENCE BY SOUTH AFRICA, AND MADE POINTS ALONG LINES OF PARAS 1(D), 1(E), AND 2, REFTEL.

2. ROUX REPLIED THAT IN ORDER TO GO AHEAD WITH NPT RATIFICATION, SAG NEEDS HIS JUDGEMENT THAT SA ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED BY IAEA SAFEGUARDS. HE NEEDS SOME DOCUMENT ON WHICH TO BASE THIS JUDGEMENT. ROUX SAID HE IS EXTREMELY BUSY, AND HIS AVAILABLE STAFF IS LIMITED AND VERY BUSY ALSO. HOWEVER, HE VERY MUCH
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WANTS TO GET ON WITH SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS. IN ORDER

TO LOOK AT ENRICHMENT SAFEGUARDS QUESTION PROPERLY, HE WILL HAVE TO FORM A TEAM OF ONE OR TWO PEOPLE EACH FROM REGULATORY UNIT, FROM TWO OTHER OFFICES IN SAG, AND FROM ENRICHMENT CORPORATION. REGULATORY PEOPLE, HOWEVER, WILL BE COMPLETELY TIED UP WITH REACTOR CHOICE UNTIL END OF 1975. ROUX ASKED SEVERAL TIMES WHETHER US COULD PROVIDE, TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS ON ENRICHMENT PLANT SAFEGUARDS, A BRIEF COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS TO HELP SAG IN THEIR EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS.

3. US DELS DESCRIBED SAFEGUARDS DOCUMENTS WHICH EXIST AND AGREED TO PREPARE BRIEF INFORMAL COMMENTARY ON IAEA DOCUMENT RESULTING FROM MAY 1974 CONSULTANTS MEETING ON ENRICHMENT PLANT SAFEGUARDS. THIS WILL BE DONE IN NEAR FUTURE AND FORWARDED THROUGH SA MISSION. IN RESPONSE TO OUR OFFER OF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, SOUTH AFRICA, OR VIENNA, ROUX PREFERRED TO DECIDE LATER IN YEAR, WHEN HIS TEAM IS ORGANIZED. HE WOULD EXPECT TO BE READY FOR DISCUSSION AT FIRST OF NEXT YEAR.

4. RE SPECIFICS OF SA NEED TO PROTECT TECHNOLOGY, ROUX GAVE GENERALLY MODERATE IMPRESSION, NOTING THAT HIS PARIS SPEECH HAD EASED THE PROBLEM CONSIDERABLY. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD GIVEN ERDA PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM VISITORS THORNE AND HUDGINS A VIEW OF HIS PLANT, WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE A YEAR AGO. ROUX FELT THAT SA PROBLEM IS "SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" THOSE RELATING TO CENTRIFUGE AND DIFFUSION PLANTS. HE SAID THAT UNITS IN THEIR PLANT WHICH WOULD BE SENSITIVE WOULD BE IN PAIRS, I.E., ONE SEPARATIVE UNIT AND ONE OTHER UNIT "RELATED TO THE CUT". HE IMPLIED THAT IF THESE UNITS WERE PROTECTED, THERE COULD BE ACCESS TO OTHER PARTS OF PLANT.

5. ROUX MADE INTERESTING STATEMENT THAT ANY SA PRODUCTION ENRICHMENT PLANT (BUT NOT NECESSARILY THEIR PRESENT PILOT PLANT) WOULD BE COVERED BY IAEA SAFEGUARDS, INDEPENDENT OF QUESTION OF NPT

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ADHERENCE BY SA. THIS IS BASED ON JUDGMENT THAT CUSTOMERS OF SUCH PLANT WOULD INSIST ON SAFEGUARDS. THIS IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NEW ELEMENT OF DECLARED SAG POLICY, THE EARLIER FORMULATION BEING THAT OUTPUT OF SA ENRICHMENT PLANT WOULD BE SAFEGUARDED. TAPE

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